Mr. P. A. Anantarama Ayyar.

349. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how long is Mr. Anantarama Ayyar on leave now;
(b) was the nature and extent of leave he has availed of till now brought to the Diwan's notice in his petition dated 10th Kumbham 1101 and 19th Chingam 1102;
(c) when is he to retire from service;
(d) was this too not brought to the Diwan's notice in his petition of 10th Kumbham 1101;
(e) why were Mr. Anantarama Ayyar's claims for any promotion repeatedly overlooked in spite of innumerable representations made by him from time to time;
(f) could any reason be assigned for treating his case in this manner;
(g) was there any occasion to find fault with Mr. Anantarama Ayyar to punish him before the advent of Diwan Mr. P. Narayana Menon
(h) if so, when and on what grounds;
(i) will the Government be pleased to state why Mr. Anantarama Ayyar's case was treated like his?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) From 24th Meenam 1098.
(b) Yes.
(c) From 13th Makaram 1102.
(d) Yes.
(e) & (f). The Government do not concur in the view that his claims were overlooked.
(g) & (h). The Government do not consider it expedient or necessary now to go through old records in the case.
(i) Please see the answer to sub-divisions (e) & (f) above.

Mr C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what was the last appointment which Mr. Anantarama Ayyar was holding?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He was holding an auditor's appointment on Rs. 60 to 80.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Did he join that?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He did not join that.

Mr. C. A Kunjunni Raja.—Before that, what was his previous appointment?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He was the acting Manager of the Chief Engineer's Office.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—On what salary?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—100 to 125.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the appointment previous to this ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Devaswam Inspector on Rs. 100.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was not Mr. Anantarama Ayyar an acting Tahsildar of Chittur by the end of Karkadagam 1097 on a salary of Rs. 150 ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No. He was Tahsildar up to 20th Edavam 1097, and then, he was on privilege leave for the period for which he was eligible.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long was he on privilege leave?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He was on privilege leave from the 20th of Edavam up to the 21st of Mithunam 1097.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was his permanent place?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He had no permanent place at the time.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Before he was sent out as Tahsildar, was he not the permanent Fishery Inspector?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was his permanent pay?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—100 to 125.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Did not vacancies occur subsequently in that grade?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why was he not appointed to such vacancies?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He was not found suitable, perhaps.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Mr. Vedantachariar retired on 13th Chingam 1099 as Tahsildar. This gentleman was also a Tahsildar at that time. Is it that he was found incompetent to be a Tahsildar in 1099, when he was found competent in 1097?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Because, according to *the Standing Orders*, he was not senior at the time of the filling up of the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Vedantachari.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—He was holding a permanent appointment on Rs. 125 and acting as Tahsildar on Rs. 150. Was he not to be placed on a similar salary, when a vacancy occurred? Having given Mr. Anantarama Ayyar an assurance that he will be provided with a suitable appointment, may I know what is really meant by saying that he is incompetent to hold the Tahsildarship ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Nobody said that he was incompetent.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why was he not given a place when Mr. Vedantachariar retired?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Thre were other claiments whose claims were considered superior to his.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Who was appointed to that place?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was Mr. Kumara Menon.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was he not drawing less salary than Mr. Anantarama Ayyar?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—When?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja—When Mr. Anantarama Ayyar was the permanent Fishery Inspector.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He was drawing more pay, when Mr. Vedantachariar retired.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was not Mr. Kumara Menon drawing less salary, when Mr. Anantarama Ayyar was holding this Fishery Inspector's post?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That question does not arise.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—That is the question.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—What I say is that, at the time of the appointment for the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Vedantachari, the state of affairs was that he was junior to Mr. Kumara Menon.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I do not follow your reasoning.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—At the time at which the vacancy was caused, Mr. Anantarama Ayyar was getting only Rs. 80, and Mr. Kumara Menon much more, and according to *the Standing Orders*, Mr. Kumara Menon was senior.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was Mr. Anantarama Ayyar appointed as auditor of his own accord?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That is what appears from the records.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So, while he was Tahsildar, he went to the Office of the Comptroller as auditor on Rs. 60—80 of his own accord?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is seen from the papers that, at his own request, he was appointed as an auditor on Rs. 60—80.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—He was appointed as an auditor, because there was a permanent vacancy at the time of his appointment as auditor. When he was a Tahsildar, and when his permanent post was abolished, the Government gave an assurance. Was he not appointed, because there was no other vacancy then, and on the assurance that he would be given a permanent suitable appointment when the next vacancy occurred?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That vacancy may not have arisen.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There were several vacancies. Did not Mr. P. Govinda Menon retire in 1101 ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—At that time there was a bar to his promotion.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the bar ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The bar was in connection with a Devaswam matter.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What is that matter on account of Devaswam ? Receipts were not found for one, and odd rupees, and he was asked to deposit that amount.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Devaswam matters cannot be divulged.

President.—The Government said his promotion is barred.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—But I shall draw your attention to another Proceedings of the Government printed in Appendix A. "When the appointment of the Fishery Inspector was abolished in Chingam last, no permanent place was found for the holder of it, namely, Mr. Anantarama Ayyar, and he was consequently left to drift in acting arrangements, possibly on the off-chance of his being provided with a place on the retirement of a superannuated officer. The latter officers having, however, been given extensions, that source of vacancy remains closed."

When subsequently these people retired, he becomes a junior.

President.—That is your observation.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The difficulty is to understand the answer of the Government that they do not concur with the view that his claims were overlooked.

President.—It may be a difference of opinion. The answer of the Government may not recommend itself to you.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will not the facts be plain by a reference to the service book ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—All punishments and faults are not recorded in the service book.

President.—In the service book, for instance, fines, suspensions, etc., will be noted.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In which book are punishments noted ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—They will be noted in the defaulter's book or in the confidential book kept by Heads of Departments.

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350. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—With reference to the answer to question 194 of the budget session of 1101, will the Government be pleased to state if it has come to any decision on the matters referred to therein?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Medical Officers and State functions.

351. Mr. Poulo Mmpilli. — (a) Will the Government be peased to state the reasons that induced the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to issue a circular stating that no officers of the department should attend any State functions without obtaining previous sanction;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state if Heads of Offices and Heads of Departments are not expected to be present at *Athachamayam* and to pay their respects to His Highness the Maharaja on His Highness' birthday?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The circular only meant that previous notice should be given to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer on such occasions, so that other arrangements may be made to work the institutions.

(b) Yes, that is the rule.

The tours of the Diwan and the Chief Engineer outside the State.

352. Mr. A. B. Salem.—I. Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Diwan and the Chief Engineer have travelled outside the State since the last budget session in their official or private capacities;

(b) if official, what are the places visited and purpose or object of the visits;

(c) the cost of such travel to the State;

II. whether any one was placed 'in charge' of the duties of the Diwan inside the State during such absence of the Diwan outside, and what arrangements were made for any possible emergency arising and needing orders of the Diwan on the spot?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes, in the official capacity.

(b) Only Madras. The Diwan's visit was like that of the previous year an annual one made in the interests of the administration of the State. It is not considered expedient to disclose the objects or purposes in detail. The Chief Engineer's visit was for the inspection of the Tullocks Garden buildings.

(c) Rs. 250-8-0 in the case of the Diwan and Rs. 208 in the case of the Chief Engineer.

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